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SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF NEW BONES MISSION TO SAIPAN

1. EMBASSY HAS RECEIVED REQUEST FROM MOFA FOR APPROVAL OF NEW BONES MISSION TO SAIPAN. VISIT IS PROMPTED BY NEW REPORTS OF REMAINING BONES ON SAIPAN ISLAND AND IS SPONSORED BY JAPANESE GOVERNMENT. A PARTY OF 20 WILL BE ACCCOMPANIED BY OFFICIAL OF JAPANESE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND WELFARE.

2. GOJ REQUESTS APPROVAL OF NEW MISSION ON SAIPAN AND POSSIBLY TINIAN FROM JULY 28, 1977 TO AUGUST 12, 1977.

3. TEXT OF JAPANESE REQUEST FOLLOWS:
WITH REFERENCE TO THE CONVERSATION BETWEEN THE OFFICIALS CONCERNED OF THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS AND OF THE EMBASSY OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA ON JUNE 15, 1977, CONCERNING THE BONES COLLECTION ACTIVITIES BY THE GOVERNMENT OF JAPAN IN THE MARIANA ISLANDS, THE MINISTRY WISHES TO INFORM THE EMBASSY THAT THE GOVERNMENT OF JAPAN PLANS TO DISPATCH ITS BONES COLLECTION MISSION TO SAIPAN, AND
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IF NECESSARY, TINIAN, THE MARIANA ISLANDS, FROM JULY 28, 1977 TO AUGUST 12, 1977 FOR THE PURPOSE OF COLLECTION OF BONES OF THE JAPANESE WAR-DEAD. THE MISSION, WHICH CONSISTS OF A GOVERNMENT OFFICIAL AND TWENTY PERSONS FROM THE JAPAN WAR-BEREAVED FAMILY ASSOCIATION WHOSE NAMES ARE NOT AVAILABLE AT THE MOMENT, WILL COLLECT, EXCAVATE, AND CREMATE BONES AT

SITES DESIGNATED BY THE COMPETENT OFFICIALS OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA GOVERNMENT. CREMATED ASHES AND BELONGINGS OF THE WAR DEAD WHOSE OWNERS CAN BE IDENTIFIED WILL BE REPATRIATED TO JAPAN. AN ADVANCE PARTY, CONSISTING OF A FEW MEMBERS OF THE MISSION INCLUDING THE GOVERNMENT OFFICIAL, WILL BE SENT TO SAIPAN ON JULY 25, 1977 IN ORDER TO MAKE NECESSARY PREPARATIONS.

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